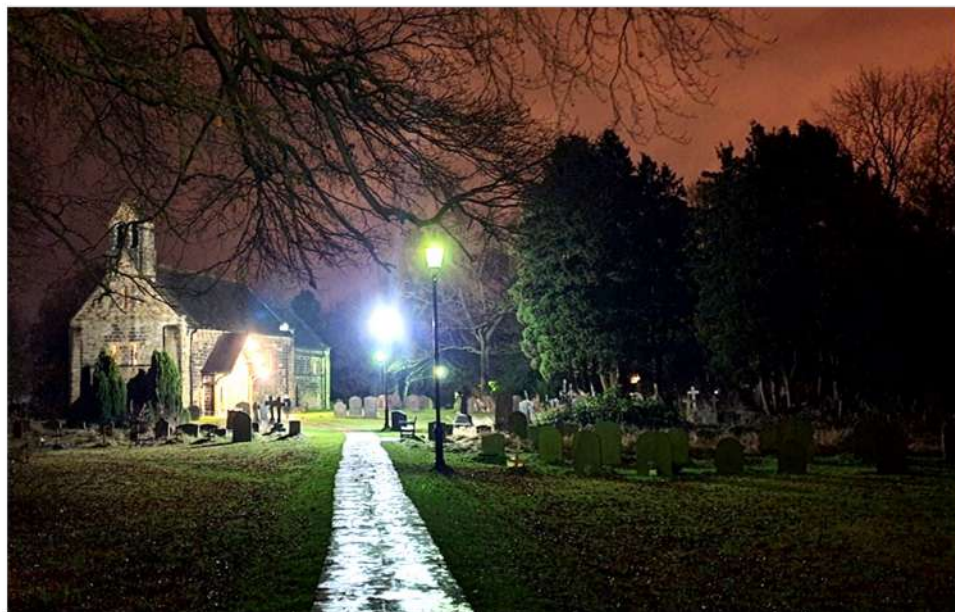




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Monday: 2-3.30pm
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Scooped... by God!

As cub reporter – on a story,
 I'm looking for some by-line glory.

A city full of strangers milling,
 surely some have really thrilling
 tales of travel and adventure.
 Of highway theft or bandit capture?

But no one here too keen on talking
 after miles and miles of walking,
 and every inn and tavern full
 with hardly space to park a mule.

Of course the town is full of *rumour*
 with folk from far away as Sumer.
 Some say there's been a funny light;
 they've seen it in the sky – at night.
 Others claim that sheep run free,
 ignored by shepherds on the spree!

As one of the more crackpot things
 I'm told to look for *foreign kings*,
 lurking near some local stables!
 My boss would think I'd lost my
 marbles.

That's hardly going to make my name,
 or give dull old Bethlehem lasting
 fame.

Marjorie Goodridge,





**We aim through Christian worship, word
and action to celebrate and share the love of
God with our neighbours**

From the Editor

Plans had to be cancelled for a Remembrance Day Service in Church, usually held with a full to bursting church. Fortunately we had other plans which did not need to be cancelled and it was with great joy that we welcomed people to wander round the churchyard searching for decorated poppy stones, admire poppies by young and not so young alike and join in a short Act of Remembrance led from the Church porch and attended by 100 or so people. On the Church Facebook page we had asked for donations to the Royal British Legion and were gratified to learn that over £350 had been raised. Thank you to all who contributed.

Like an elderly lady I heard the other day saying “It’s *not normal*”, you might be exasperated by the expression “the new normal”. It’s bandied about everywhere and, like it or not, we have to accept that our old ways are no longer suitable. At church we are very much aware of that expression and we have planned for Christmas with bated breath, not knowing what

the new normal will be like by the end of December. Undaunted, we have planned services and events for all eventualities: services in church, activities in the churchyard, online services and even, hopefully a Carol Service online, because you will be able to join in heartily with the singing. It would not be Christmas without carol singing. Please look at pages 7 and 8 to read all about it. And don’t forget to check the church notice board or website regularly in case of changes of plan.

It is very heartening to hear stories about generosity and I am sure we have all heard a lot of these during the past months. On this occasion it is an example of a benefactor who has paid £140 to allow Crag House Farm aka Caring for Life, to continue advertising in our magazine. Beryl Thompson has written about it on page 10. At Crag House Farm you can still shop, both for food and for garden supplies, walk around the grounds and even, I believe, order a take away. So, please give them your support. Their advert is on page 40.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Marjorie Cole

Rector Alison’s Letter

Always winter and never Christmas?

Dear Friends

There has been much talk lately of our Prime Minister not wanting to be ‘the man who cancelled Christmas’. No one wants to be remembered as a sort of ‘White Witch’ from the Narnia books – who ensured it was ‘always winter but never Christmas’; but it is easy to worry we might be heading for something similar.

We have been warned not to expect too much, and then promised that things will be better... One thing is certain, like most other things in 2020, this will not be an ordinary Christmas.

It has turned my mind back to Christmases in the books I so loved to read when I was young. Rich ‘Gemma’ in the Noel Streatfield book, discovering it’s not how much you spend on presents that matters, but the time spent finding an appropriate gift. The ‘Little Women’ who, suddenly poor and without the usual presents, still found how rewarding it was to share what they had with those even worse off. And the Ingalls family freezing, almost starving, snowed in on the Prairie in ‘The Long Winter’ – but still managing to recycle things to provide a Christmas gift for each person.

I loved the pictures of a Christmas that was strange, stripped back, more difficult than usual, but as a result somehow more meaningful, and even joyful.

We too will have to work hard at Christmas this year. We will have to find new ways of giving and sharing. Some will have less money to spare this Christmas, and even if restrictions are relaxed a little, there will be more people alone or unable to travel. Here is our chance to respond like the heroes of my childhood reading. Here is our chance to be creative; to come up with ways to celebrate with family we can’t meet; to draw neighbours who might be alone or housebound into our Christmas this year.

We at Adel Parish church will be doing just that. We don’t know what the restrictions might be, but we know we won’t be cramming 200 people into crib services. We have been forced to look at the Christmas story afresh and see how we can share it differently. Do have a look at the details in this magazine – and keep watch on our website and church noticeboards.

Of course, no one can really cancel Christmas. Christmas is an ancient story that we are invited to join afresh each year. Christmas is the timeless truth that God loves us

enough to become one of us. The first Christmas occurred in the face of a dangerous journey, the lack of proper shelter, and a vengeful King. It was never a story of easy happiness – which is why it has a message for us today.

Do join in our 'Christmas Experience' this year. And, however you celebrate, I pray that the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wisemen, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child might be yours this Christmas. With love and prayers

Alison

An Adel Advent Wreath

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ at his birth.

This year in Adel we are focusing on our Advent Wreath and its themes of hope, love, joy and peace. Each week there will be a number of chances to engage with the theme through the Sunday sermon; a display in the small doorway on the side of church; and an Advent discussion group on Tuesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom and possibly at 10am in church if this is permitted.

As part of our focus on 'hope' and 'love' we would like to bring hope and love to others. From Nov 28th to Dec 6th we will be collecting food and toys

for our local foodbank. Please bring food, perhaps including some Christmas treats, and new or good quality second hand toys to the church and help make Christmas special for those in need.

Christmas Services

The following services in Church are planned, but please check with the website and the Church notice board nearer the time.

Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve
9.30pm	'Midnight' Mass
11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Friday 25th	Christmas Day
9.30am	Eucharist
11am	Eucharist

Please also look at page 8 for details of our other activities, entitled

'The Christmas Experience'

Booking for church services

Book your place by contacting

<https://tinyurl.com/adelservices>

If you are not able to do this online booking, please contact Marisa Clayton on her mobile or by email and she will do the booking for you.

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Christmas Experience

Here is a taste of what we are planning for what may be a Christmas with a difference

Advent

Come and admire the Advent Displays in the small doorway in the side of the chancel near the small bench. Each week of Advent there will be a display on the theme of the week: hope, love, joy and peace. See page 7 for more details.

Christmas Eve

We invite you to join us on a Nativity Walk through the churchyard, ending up in Church. The route will take us from station to station where episodes of the Christmas story will be acted or read. Our plan is to have people dressed up for the occasion as shepherds, Mary, Joseph etc.

Perhaps you would like to dress up too?

There will be music and lights to enhance your enjoyment. This event will be an opportunity for the community to get together and share in the joy that is Christmas.

It will be a ticketed event, and will take place on Christmas Eve and possibly also the day before.

And Also

Take home a baby Jesus and make your own crib

Do the Christmas Stones Treasure Hunt in the Churchyard

'Follow the Star' Activity in the Churchyard

Listen to carols on Church Open Days

Please check with the website or the Church notice board nearer the time, as plans may have to change.

The Ideas Group

The church is there for us

In late September an Ideas Group formed to think of different ways the church can still play an active part in the community and mark upcoming special events without all being in church together. We need to be creative to bring the community together and allow everyone to be involved. We recognised that the church is important, not just to those who would regularly attend the services but also to the wider community, who pass on their daily walks and visit while the church is open.

Remembrance Sunday is one of the busiest services in the year, but at the start of our planning we thought this would only be open to a limited number of people this year; little did we know that lockdown would mean we wouldn't be able to hold any services. We wanted to mark the day and enable everyone to get involved. We wanted all ages to be able to enjoy and contribute to each event. The hidden stones in the Church yard gave everyone the chance to explore; children young and old enjoy a treasure hunt! The display from the knitted/crocheted poppies and the egg box poppies was beautiful and looked very striking.

It won't have escaped anyone's notice that Advent and Christmas will soon

be upon us. There is opportunity for everyone to be involved.

Our hopes are that for Advent there will be an Advent Window with the themes of peace, hope, joy and love, created by different families/ groups/ individuals.

For Christmas we are planning a live, walk on the theme of the nativity, with people telling the Christmas story at different stations around the church yard. This will require lots of volunteers to act as story tellers and stewards to help guide visitors safely around the different stations. There will of course be other surprises to help bring the joy of Christmas into your home and hopefully bring us all together.

We welcome any ideas you may have, either for future events or to help with fundraising for the church. Please get in touch with Alison or one of the churchwardens if you would like to make a suggestion.

While we are unable to come together in church and mark events in the usual way, the church is still there for us all during these uncertain times.

Kate Clarke

In Brief

Children's Society Boxes

Following my note in August's Adel Bells, the Society said box co-ordinators could resume opening boxes, if it was felt safe to do so, bearing in mind local Covid-19 restrictions. Before I had opportunity to do this, we faced the new national lockdown. Therefore, I decided to delay taking any action until at least the New Year. I have contacted all box boxholders to let them know of this.

I have been the parish's boxholder coordinator for the last 17 years and I feel it is time for me to hand this over, if possible, to someone else. Could that person be you? If you are interested or would like to know a little more about what is involved, please let me know. The Society greatly appreciates the funds we raise so I do hope we can continue the long tradition within the parish.

Lesley Walton
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A generous offer

I recently received a telephone call from someone to say they were upset about an article in the November issue of Adel Bells. I couldn't think of what might have upset them -

however, it turned out to be the fact that Caring for Life were no longer able to afford to pay for their advert.

This generous person told me that they were willing to pay for the advert and later called round with a cheque for £140. They wish to remain anonymous but we thank them for supporting both Caring for Life and Adel Church; it is much appreciated.

A nice thought in these difficult times; please pray for them even though they are unknown to you; they will be known to God. And please do support Caring for Life - advert on page 40.

Beryl Thompson

PS. I have had three more telephone calls with the same offer. People are kind.

Admin error

Not sure how it has happened but the telephone number for Headingley Golf Club has been incorrect. Please note the correct number is now on their advert. See page 43.

Please give them a try; they are doing take away food which is excellent.

Beryl Thompson

Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone!

I really hope that you've all been able to keep safe and well. I can't believe that we've had to be locked down again. At least we can go for walks, but I am missing my family very much. I don't understand this "Zoom." I do understand that my humans are talking together but I can't see them or smell them. I am also worried about this nasty dog bug known as Alabama Rot and there are cases in Otley, so I am asking all my canine friends to be careful and get your owners to check you over regularly.

I understand from recent events that I have been rather naughty; I'll explain. My humans like talking together – they do it ever such a lot – and I thought I should join in. I think I have a lovely bark – I love the sound of it. I have tried to teach my humans this part of my language and I have come to the conclusion that they are a bit thick as they make no progress at all – in fact, I've never heard them try barking!

They have got my 'looks' largely sorted, the best example being when they want me to go out for my night-time toilet and it's raining. I either pretend to be asleep or treat the suggestion with a look of ennui and if these don't work resort to out and out refusal. I can get all sorts of meaning into my barks. My humans

have been trying all sorts of things to get me to shut up; needless to say, I have ignored every attempt – and I must give them credit for ingenuity in some of the things they came up with. Then "IT" arrived. "IT" is a small cylindrical object which came through the post and I tell you, I soon learned to stop barking! If I get carried away, I get two warning 'beeps' then something they can't hear but I can. Two beeps are enough to bring me to my senses!! It doesn't hurt, but I don't like it. I get lots of praise and cuddles for stopping barking though. Now, they've only got to say "Where is 'IT'" and I'm back to being my good quiet self.

My Mum explained to me that everyone likes the sound of their own voice but sometimes we should be quiet and listen to others and the best people to listen to are God and Jesus. They help us deal with what happens in our lives. They give us good things to think about when we're feeling down: hope, love, joy, communication, prayer, friendship, fellowship. We can feel their presence around us, see their manifestation in the wonders of the natural world, the changing weather and seasons. We need God and Jesus' help more than ever at the moment, so keep listening, keep safe and love each other. Woofs and licks,

Penny

Did We Show Fear?

Look up in Lockdown

(After reading *The Waste Land*, Part 1)

Look up in lockdown at the heavens,
the ever-changing sky -
look back in December -
and remember April.
Was this the cruellest month?
Did we show fear* in a handful of dust?
Will winter keep us warm,
covering earth with forgetful snow?
Even the house-bound,
on the coldest day, in December,
can look heavenward through glass.

Watch, sit or lie - and see clouds pass,
as Turner did, two hundred years ago,
when painting windswept skies
above Caley Crags at Otley,
or sketching billowing clouds,
in Kirkstall, by tree-lined River Aire,
sitting right here, by the weir,
close by Kirkstall Abbey.
Summer surprised us.
Restrictions relaxed, we meet and eat
in pubs and sunlit parks and gardens.

Then suddenly, it's autumn -
'One must be so careful these days'
students are massing back in town.
Now masked again, still in lockdown-
and it's December! Soon we'll be
singing 'See amid the winter snow'.
Hyacinths and pine scent the air,
mixing memory and desire -
as they did, so long ago. Look up,
thank God for neighbours, pray
'All will be well', this Christmas Day.

Val Crompton



Detail from **JMW Turner's**
Caley Hall, Otley, with Stag
Hunters Returning Home **1818**



Kirkstall Abbey
JMW Turner (1775-1851)
Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge

*Ref: T. S. Eliot' (1888-1965)
who, when suffering from
depression, started writing a
poem in the aftermath of
WWI and Spanish Flu.
'**The Waste Land**' was first
published in **1922**. Phrases
used then, by Eliot, feel
relevant today.

Email from New Zealand

Adel's altar paintings

See below an extract from an email sent to **Rector Alison**, from Tamsin, who is writing a Wikipedia page on **Moses Vanderbank**:

"... I have found references to altarpieces by Moses that were said to be in Adel Church (titled The Crucifixion, Ascension, and The Agony in the Garden).

I can't find any reference to them on current pages about Adel Church, so I suspect they are no longer in your possession. Having said that, the greatenglishchurches site shows three paintings on one of the walls, so I am in hopes that you have them. If that is the case, I'd love to know whether it is possible to have pictures of them?

*Many thanks for any light you can shed,
Tamsin*

Tamsin Braisher

University of Otago
Dunedin, New Zealand"

Moses Vanderbank 1695-1745, was the son of a Huguenot tapestry weaver who was forced to flee Holland. Moses was the younger brother of the more celebrated portrait painter John Vanderbank (1694-1739).

Val Crompton



**A Girl with a Lamb, 1743
Moses Vanderbank**

*"Yes, we still have the 3 altar paintings in our church. The paintings now hang on the north wall of the nave. **They are large, dark & in need of restoration!** In 'History of Adel', p62, I brightened the images (on the computer). It is very difficult to photograph the paintings. There is also a large **1745** circular painting by Moses, of Britannia, in Adel Old Rectory. These four paintings were commissioned by **William Jackson, Rector of Adel 1737-1766**"*

Extract from my email to Tamsin.

Val Crompton
(sent with copy of P62)

Words from Pilgrim

Christmas festivity is about to beat upon us. Christians have cherished the Bible's account of Jesus's coming, and the annual observance of it has been a major point where Christians and those who make no Christian profession share more than at any other time of the year. Warm memories and a quiet feeling of goodwill reach out to almost everyone. These feelings are thankfully to be received, yet may I take the risk of seeming to run against that tide by inviting Christian folk to consider Christmas from a different view point?

Think of those who were involved in those events. St. Luke's record of them (Luke 1: 26-35) is a frank one about the mysteriousness of the way things went. Their experience was not of comfort and joy, but of hardship and dismay, and they emerged from the experience with troubling memories, but they were also aware that they were involved in serving God. I think that we may suppose that many of their friends, hearing that Mary was unexpectedly expecting, had been appalled by what it seemed to indicate about her and her family. In the light of the rumoured claim about Mary's hard to credit story about a messenger from God, and no whit of apparent remorse on her part, there can be small doubt that in those days daily life in Nazareth held difficulties

for the whole family.

Mary must have found it deeply painful to find childhood friends being told by their parents not to talk to her, whilst her own mother had to get used to friends falling silent when they saw her coming and who responded to her greeting with just a smile or a cold stare. I do not suppose that illegitimacy was unknown in Nazareth, but when it was masked by impossible explanations it was inevitable the rebuilding of social relations in the village would be no easy task.

But where was God in all this? Having set the problem, God seems to have retired into silence and left the anxious family to discover its own solution. These are questions which must have exercised Joseph and Mary above all. How do you bring up a boy who comes carrying such claims as Jesus implicitly carried with him? Where would it all end? Joseph and Mary doubtless had some sleepless nights down the ensuing years, but Mary who had to bear the weight of them alone in widowed years had a resilience about her which suggests she had found a profundity in her relationship with her son. Her problems were very possibly the path that led to such intimacy. That was a rich gift to receive, and we can seek it too.

Love Your Neighbour

A Light!

Yesterday in late October alone in a haunt
with Advent not far off
and the pandemic strengthening
unaware of twilight fading and evening closing in
I supped a latte, absorbed in some mails
but gloomy overall
troubled by the awful knife attacks
and raw rhetoric erupting across the Channel
when unannounced a pair of beautiful brown eyes*
and steady hands
lowered right before me
setting down a newly-lit, scented candle
and the glow, lighting up his smiling face
cascaded on my iPad and cup and bag
falling aside too on the empty chairs and tables
chastening the scant daylight
and after our whispered, heartfelt exchange
I was set alight myself, lit up by his courtesy
the moment and the place brilliantly changed
every detail usually overlooked made lovely
rolling back the winter murk
and surely stern prophets of any persuasion
would have softened to it
saluting our meeting in that 'mean' place at this dire time
until we all learn better
only to try to be good and to be kind to one another
neither giving or taking offence, nor intending any harm
which may take forever.

Richard O'Donnell

* the eyes belonged to the Iraqi waiter/owner in a little cafe in Hyde Park which Richard often visits and where he is always warmly welcomed.

In Your Garden

"Of all the months of the year there is not a month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year."

Charles Dickens

With so little daylight and some dubious weather now is the time to enjoy the mental garden, whether it is your own, or one you wish was your own - and where the sun always shines! I am going to sit back and allow the weather to do its worst, whilst recalling all the gems from the last year and cogitating on how to keep adding as many of these to my own garden as I possibly can. Next year I'm going to expand my foxglove repertoire. I have a lot of trees and summer shade where they already thrive and the bees will love an expansion as much as me. I quite fancy some more alliums and agapanthus which provide height and colour. I've really enjoyed this year's raspberry crop so I will experiment with some earlier fruiting varieties to prolong the season. It's so easy this gardening in the mind !

If you get an opportunity for practical rather than cerebral activity it's a good time to clean and sharpen secateurs and loppers. A sharpening stone will do for most blades, with a drop of oil where beneficial. Just like in the kitchen, the work is so much more satisfying with good sharp blades.

I always give my greenhouse a proper clear out, followed by a thorough wash with warm soapy water to get the glass nice and clean again ready to let maximum light through. Most years I will also dig in a few wheelbarrows full of well-rotted compost from my compost heaps to keep the soil as fertile as possible. There is a special pleasure in working in the greenhouse on a foul day, pottering about whilst listening to the rain pelting the glass.

If you really want to get out in the garden, then how about putting out food for the birds.

With short days our birds need to use all of the available daylight to feed efficiently. Particularly as our winter progresses their natural food supplies inevitably diminish so any supplements will be gratefully received. Bird feeders and nest boxes make excellent Christmas presents and there are so many attractive options available now.



George Turnbull

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Nature Notes

December, and time to look back over this unusual year. Spring seemed to arrive with a rush during the first lockdown period and many people have spoken about their enjoyment of nature during their permitted 'exercise' walks, made more memorable by the beautiful spring weather.

At first everything was white-brilliant carpets of Wood Anemones and the tall stemmed Jack-by-the-Hedge - and flying over these, white butterflies including Orange Tips which make their annual appearance in April and May, and the commoner whites that are on the wing through most of the warmer months. The new bright green leaves on the Oaks and other trees appeared almost overnight.

Birds were singing, probably three male Robins, plus one or two Blackbirds, Blue Tits and Great Tits, an occasional Nuthatch and two warblers: the Chiffchaff, a regular in the churchyard, and Whitethroat which I don't think stayed to breed. About this time I noticed some bees new to me; they turned out to be Nomad Bees – nomads because they don't make nests, but lay their eggs in the nests of other bees where their young eat the rightful occupants.

And so the spring turned into summer; wildflowers came and went. Wild Garlic and Bluebells, the white

and blue making an attractive colour contrast. More white flowers were Cow Parsley, large numbers of the much smaller Pignut, and Hogweed.

Most of the flowers I have mentioned have been around for centuries, and they would have been common everywhere. Nowadays the churchyard may be the last place in Adel to see them all together.

More butterfly species began to emerge in June after spending the winter as eggs, or tiny caterpillars at the bottom of a blade of grass. Then the rains came. Just when more butterflies would be preparing to emerge there were several torrential downpours which will have put an end to many butterflies. We look forward to next summer hoping that many were able to lay their eggs.

The heavy rains did at least provide the right conditions for fungi and, as the second lockdown began, we found lots of Waxcaps – brightly coloured fungi with waxy caps. They live only in natural grassland that has not been treated with artificial fertilisers and pesticides.

It's good to know that the churchyard is still in good heart and will hopefully continue to provide habitat for a wide range of species.

Peter Larnar

Remembrance 2020

**When you go home tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today.**

The Remembrance Season started as usual with planting poppy crosses. Lesley & Jan came along to help. We marked the headstones or kerbstones carrying names of the 25 men & one woman who died on active service in the Great War or WWII. A cold wettish morning, made tolerable by socially-distanced flasks of coffee and home-made gingerbread. But after that, -- all change!

The children made lots of poppies out of lollypop sticks and egg boxes to plant by the church door. Grownups meantime were busy crocheting and knitting poppies for the trellises. By Remembrance Sunday, the church entrance was aglow with colour.

Another lockdown on 5th November: no live services, an online Eucharist service and Act of Remembrance. My father lied about his age when he joined up in 1914, -- he was 16, claimed he was 18, and served four long years on the Western Front. So, leading the Remembrance intercessions is always a great privilege & a poignant moment for me. This year I recorded them at home. Take 1, Bert the cat walks across desk, Take 2, my poppy falls off, Take 3, it's done. Then, Alison

filmed Finlay, Anna and me laying up the wreaths and Finlay recorded the Commemoration.

Another first, an open-air Act of Remembrance. The church door poppies lit up a rather gloomy morning as over 100 people all masked and socially distanced, gathered together. Finlay & I laid wreaths on behalf of the church and community. Nima Poovaya-Smith, Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, laid a wreath on behalf of HM the Queen. Mary read the 43 names recorded on the church war memorial and Finlay delivered the Commemoration. Stan, the Rector's nephew played Last Post and Reveille. The 2-minute Silence was deep and profound, -- I felt I could almost hear it. Nima read the Kohima Epitaph, a reminder of her family members who fought in the Burma Campaign. Lastly, we prayed for peace, unity and concord throughout the world. A big thankyou to Finlay for reading so beautifully, Stan for playing his cornet so well, and Anna for laying her wreath so precisely.

A very different Remembrance Season then, but the enforced changes gave us different ways of seeing, hearing, looking at and marking this important day. I for one, won't forget that Silence for a long, long time.

Carole Smithies

Words from Joyce Hill

Christmas Trees

The first instance, of which we are aware, of a decorated tree in this country was in 1800 when George III's wife, Queen Charlotte of Mecklenberg-Strelitz, had one at a children's party. Queen Victoria was familiar with this custom, but it wasn't until 1840 when she married Prince Albert that the decorated tree became the centre-piece of their family Christmases, so we learn that it wasn't Prince Albert who *introduced* the custom, but he was responsible for them becoming a tradition.

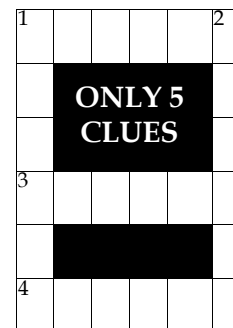
The idea quickly caught on amongst the upper classes. The trigger for its popularity was an engraving, which showed a decorated tree, surrounded by Victoria, Albert and their children. This engraving and a description were published in the *Illustrated London News* and better-off people wanted to emulate the royal family. Christmas trees soon featured at public entertainments, charity events and in hospitals. There was even a charity set up in 1906 to make sure that poor children in the London slums, who had never seen a Christmas tree, would be able to enjoy one.

Christmas is a mid-winter festival, close to the winter solstice and celebrated by many cultures. Such festivities marked the point when, although the sun was at its lowest, the

year was on the turn, and hopefully, the hardships of winter would not last much longer, and that spring and the new growing season would commence. And so, evergreen plants were used to symbolise the hope of new life. When the date of Christmas was fixed in the Christian calendar, close to but not on the dates of pagan festivals, many of the popular customs continued; the Christian celebrations eventually supplanting the older festivals. There is evidence of decorated evergreen trees being set up for Christmas by the fifteenth century in the region of modern Estonia and Latvia, the custom then spreading to northern Germany. Post-Reformation, such trees were seen in upper-class Protestant homes as an alternative to Christmas cribs, which were associated with Roman Catholicism. The popularity of Christmas trees was boosted by the example of Victoria and Albert.

Christmas trees only appeared inside churches at the start of the twentieth century, sometimes meeting resistance on the grounds that they were pagan symbols. Being evergreens, they serve well as symbols of continuing life in a dark time and of hope for the coming of new life. Thus, they are fitting symbols of the message of Christmas – evergreen life, the promise of hope, and bearers of lights which illuminate the darkness.

Puzzles



ACROSS

1. Frisk medic entering jail
3. They all go out on the stage
4. Musical work I took in for something soothing

DOWN

1. Look, lad's not finished garden feature
2. I felt abandoned by European socialist

SUDOKU - Easy

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Word Square

Insert each of the following letters into the right cell, so that when the puzzle is completed each row and each column contains a real word.

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Solutions on page 34

Children's Page

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. What is the name of the city where Jesus was born?
2. How many wise men came to visit baby Jesus?
3. What animal did Mary ride on her journey?
4. Where was Jesus laid after he was born?
5. How did the wise men find the baby Jesus?
6. What three gifts did the wise men bring?
7. Who was King when Jesus was born?
8. What was Joseph's job?
9. An angel appeared to tell Joseph to take Mary and baby Jesus to a new place. Where did they go?
10. Who told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus?



Answers on page 34

QE Corner

Here it is again..... QE (Quite Enlightening) Corner. As some of you probably realise I quite like trivial information, so for your enlightenment I am presenting you this month with a miscellany of facts that have been "Tweeted" by the QE Elves.

If you're allergic to house cats then you're probably also allergic to lions.

Most male cats are left-pawed, while most female cats are right-pawed.

Cats sleep for about 16 hours a day, and spend another 5 hours a day grooming themselves - leaving only three hours for anything else.

In the 19th century, doctors prescribed growing a beard as a way to ward off illness.

Some football matches are now filmed with AI-powered cameras designed to track the ball during play. Much to the annoyance of viewers, during the recent Inverness Caledonian Thistle vs Ayr United match one camera kept confusing the ball with a bald-headed linesman.

In 1859, a British farmer called Thomas Austin brought 24 rabbits with him to his new home in Australia. Within six years, the country's rabbit population had swelled to 22 million.

Children inherit their intelligence from their mother more than their father.

Your motivation to "get up and go" starts to fail at age 54.

The road to the IKEA in Valladolid, Spain is "Calle Me Falta un Tornillo" - "I'm Missing a Screw Street".

After the post office in one small Texas town rejected six names suggested by the townspeople, they settled on naming it "Nameless".

Octopuses can taste with their arms.

Before erasers were invented, pencil markings were removed using bread crumbs.

Ruffed grouse grow scales on their feet during winter to act as snow shoes.

If you listen to a radio broadcast of the bongs from the Elizabeth Tower's Big Ben bell, you'd hear it before the people standing at the base of the tower could.

Due to highly-flammable celluloid film which produced a toxic gas when burned, in 1936 it was estimated that one American cinema projectionist died on the job every 18 days.

A study has shown a correlation between children who play Mary or Joseph in their school nativity play, and being a high earner later in life.

In Medieval times, rent on the Isles of Scilly was payable in puffins.

In 1899, Thomas and Alice Day named their newborn son Time Of.

In 2013, six people in the US named their child Mushroom.

The kitchens at Buckingham Palace have their own time zone - all the clocks are five minutes ahead to ensure food is ready on time.

Four times as many tortoises have been to space than British people.

Hercule Poirot is the only fictional character to have received an obituary on the front page of the New York Times.

There are six regions in the world called St Kilda: one in Scotland, three in Australia, one in New Zealand and one in Canada. There is, however, no saint called Kilda.

MI5 initially worked with Boy Scouts for information gathering during WWI, but found that they were unreliable spies and inclined to brag about their work. MI5 then replaced the Scouts with Girl Guides, who proved much more reliable.

In 2013, Belgium made half a million stamps that tasted and smelled of chocolate.

It is illegal to swear in public in three Australian states, unless you have "a reasonable excuse to behave in such a manner".

During the Cold War, Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to work together should the world be invaded by aliens.

Chess is banned in Russian Antarctic stations, as one 1959 chess match became so heated one player attacked the other with an ice axe.

An estimated one in every seven Google searches has never been searched for before.

In Scotland, farmers used to pour leftover porridge into a 'porridge drawer' at breakfast, where it would dry out, ready to be cut into slices and taken as an on-the-go lunchtime snack.

The French for 'walkie-talkie' is 'le talkie-walkie'.

Trevor Cole

History Groups

Our popular talks series for over 55s has moved online.

During lockdown, instead of meeting at Kirkstall Abbey Visitors' Centre, we are posting presentations on **Kirkstall Abbey Facebook**, on a range of subjects from different speakers, at **10am fortnightly, on Fridays**. This will have the event header '**1152 Club: online**'.

Those who would not normally attend are welcome to join us too. We hope to put these on **Leeds Museums website** for anyone who is not on Facebook.

Join us online, at **10am on Friday 4th and Friday 18th December**.

4th December

'Christmas in the Museums Collections' with Kitty Ross, Curator of Leeds and Social History

18th December

Christmas Quiz with Patrick Bourne
"A quiz for the festive season, just for fun!"

All talks will appear on the Facebook page shortly before 10am on the morning of the broadcast. They are 10-15 minutes each and available indefinitely afterwards.

Please, if you know of anyone who may be interested, spread the word—no age restrictions.

Patrick Bourne



Kirkstall Abbey by J M W Turner

Turner at Kirkstall Abbey

Turner made several architectural studies at Kirkstall but he was eventually drawn to a more distant view from the riverside from which he developed his first watercolour, where he could relate the abbey to its surroundings and particularly develop a sense of weather and time.

Turner pictures Kirkstall Abbey as a deep and solitary immersion in nature, whereas actually then, as well as now, it would have been as much a social as a natural experience

Due to government guidance Kirkstall Abbey ruins will be temporarily closed from 5 Nov until at least 2 Dec.

OPAL Activities

Over the last few months we have been delighted to welcome some of our members back into the building at our three weekly lunch clubs, three weekly tai chi classes and two weekly gentle exercise classes. We had intended to start new activities from November but unfortunately, we are having to stop all social activities from Thursday 5th November for 4 weeks – or longer if restrictions aren't lifted.

We have also been offering a **hot meal delivery** service since March and for the duration of this lock down period, we will increase the meal delivery to 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) and can deliver to anywhere within Leeds 16 above the ring road. We charge £3.50 per meal and have capacity for new people to access this service. Contact us on 0113 2619103 if you would like to know more.

The **phone buddy scheme** also continues and we have over 400 older people receiving a regular phone call to check on their wellbeing and to have a good ol' natter. We have received lovely feedback from both the volunteers and the people receiving the calls. Its lovely to hear about the friendships that have developed.

OPAL is a Covid Volunteer Hub for the LS16 area and we still receive referrals for people who are

having to isolate and need **emergency food parcels** or other types of support. We also have quite a selection of **jigsaws** and **books** that we can loan.

As always, if you or anyone you know would like to access our services or would like extra support then please just contact us.

Finally, we need to say a big thank you to our fantastic volunteers who do so much to help us including admin, shopping, delivering, collecting, phoning, food prep and cooking. We are incredibly grateful to them all.

Friday Social Afternoon

Join us online every Friday at 2pm for an hour. For more information: ring 0113 261901 or email rowan@opal-project.org.uk and Rowan will give you the link and password

4th Dec

Hear Rita talk about her ocean-rowing daughter Roz self isolating at sea.

11th Dec

Dogs and cats quiz

18th Dec

Join Rowan for her last Coffee Afternoon

25th Dec

CLOSED Happy Christmas Everyone!

Blue Plaques

The Next Collection

This Leeds Civic Trust publication was launched by Kevin Grady, joint author with Robert Tyrrell, at the end of October. The purpose of the blue plaques scheme was to “promote public awareness of the history and heritage of the city” and I thought it might be of interest to point out local subjects covered. The book gives a page of further information with illustrations for each plaque erected from April 2001 to 2013, when Kevin Grady retired as Director of Leeds Civic Trust. Plaques erected from the start of the scheme in 1987 to 31st March 2001 were covered in the first book, published in 2001. We have waited a long time for the second volume! 16 plaques have been erected since Oct 2017 and are therefore not included.

Cookridge Hall and Weetwood Hall feature. Alf Cooke lived at the latter from 1889 until his death in 1902. It also has a page on the company he started, Crown Point Printing Works. John Fowler (Steam Plough Works) is given a page (as do quite a number of engineers) and two important directors of this company are in Adel Churchyard – Robert W. Eddison and David Grieg. “Blessed are the Peacemakers” appears on the Eddison grave – and that quality might have come to the fore at work as Grieg had

rather an abrasive reputation. Mrs Eddison's name appears in the Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education page (vol.1) as Hon Secretary. Isabella Ford's plaque on the Grange, Adel, has a page along with Thomas Edmund Harvey, both in the Society and Politics section and both buried in the Friend's burial ground on New Adel Lane. The appendix listing all plaques gives details of the unveiler and the sponsor and a former Adel resident, Mrs Richard Wainwright, unveiled the plaque at the Leeds & Country Liberal club on 14 July 2004.

Those purchasing the publication (£18.50 inc postage from www.leedscivictrust.org.uk) can, for a total of £20, buy both volumes. The first has further items of interest for Adel including Temple Mill which John Marshall's company built. His company started out in Adel at Scotland Mill, before moving to Marshall's Mill, which has a recent plaque. Golden Acre Park, William Hey's House and Fairburn House are included, with both William Hey and Sir Peter Fairburn interred in Adel churchyard. There will no doubt be other connections to make, both historic and more recently, in both books.



Ann Lightman

A Good Alternative

Virtual Carol Service

If you usually enjoy singing at a Carol Service <http://www.whychristmas.com> may be of interest this year.

It is one of the largest Christmas information websites on the web and was launched 20 years ago by James Cooper – a self-confessed 'Christmas Nut', and Christian.

The website was originally designed for schoolchildren as some of his friends who were teachers wanted a site that was child friendly and wasn't trying to sell something. However, there is now a wide variety of fun and interesting content suitable for both adults and children.

Sections include Christmas Traditions and Customs, Christmas around the World, The Christmas Story and Christmas Fun and Activities. This last section includes an online Advent calendar and an online Carol Service where you can listen to the carols and/or join in! The service lasts about 35 minutes. You can see the words of the carols and readings by scrolling down the page. In the absence of many Carol Services this year, it would be a good alternative for many people – especially if you want to sing!

Sally Churchus,
ACE chair



Do try this website if only for the Carol Service. It is already there as I write this in November, and it will be an opportunity to join in with carol singing. Why not wait until the evening, light a candle or two and really make it into 'Carols by Candlelight'!

Marjorie Cole



York Gate Update

We are well on the way to having York Gate Garden put to bed for the winter. Leaves cleared and piled high in the leaf mold bay, beds mulched, yew hedges cut and on with the path renovations.

One of the most exciting things we've done after the gates have been shut is plant thousands of bulbs in the garden. Camassia, tulips, narcissus, Scilla, fritillaries and 1000 Crocus tommasinianus in the meadow, to name just some that will make up an amazing colour explosion in the spring for when everyone returns.

I'd just like to thank all our visitors for making another great year for us. And a massive thank you to our wonderful volunteers, we couldn't do it without you .

Jack Ogg,
Senior Gardener

As we put 2020 behind us and look to a new year there is much to appreciate in the garden, even in the depths of winter.

Snowdrops are one of the first bulbs to poke their green shoots out of the cold wet earth in December, followed week on week by more and more emerging shoots. Flowers and scent are not totally absent. The intoxicating Daphne bholua begins



blooming in December and reigns supreme through to March. We will be introducing a couple of these varieties into the new garden this winter along with many other exciting trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials, supported by lots of unusual bulbs. Form and structure will be important especially in the trees and shrubs. Many of them will flower and display autumn colour, but we also value their winter features. An outstanding example is Acer griseum whose stunning flaky bark lights up when backlit by low winter sun.

Of course we will use familiar plants too, but we are keen to introduce more unusual specimens such as Acradenia frankliniae from Tasmania

and the rarely seen Chinese Fringe Tree, *Chionanthus retusus*. I also have a spot for my absolute favourite shrub *Lindera obtusiloba* if, hopefully, I can manage to source it. If you see me with a big smile on my face next year you will know I have succeeded.

Mark Jackson,
Nursery Manager

As this surreal year draws to a close, I would like to say many thanks to all the residents of Adel who have supported us through volunteering, visiting the garden and bearing with us during our redevelopment, which took longer than expected due to the first lockdown. We have got a lovely team who work in the garden, café and office and it has been great for us all to see how York Gate has evolved this year.

There are a couple of ways that you can join us, ie by volunteering or joining as a Friend. With regards to volunteering, we would love to have some more Café and Admission volunteers, and if you are able to help over a weekend, that would be even better! Please drop Zoe Parker, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, an email zparker@perennial.org.uk. If you would like to join as a Friend (or buy membership as a Christmas present)



then you can either do this online
<https://perennial.org.uk/garden/york->

[gate-garden/friends-of-york-gate/](#) or by phoning the York Gate office 0113 2678240. Membership is only £30 and gives you & a guest unlimited entry on all public opening days plus other Friends only events.

As we go to press, we are in the midst of a second lockdown so our café and shop are closed. Should we come out of lockdown on 2nd December, then our café and shop will reopen until 5pm on Sunday 20th December (still closed on a Monday & Tuesday). The café will then reopen on Saturday 2nd January 2021, but the shop will remain shut until the garden opens again on 1st April.

All the team wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Sally Latchford
Finance and Administrator
Co-ordinator
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Please check with our website in December in case things have changed.



Barry Anderson

Holt Park Library and Community Hub

This community hub and library opened in October, but due to Lockdown Community Hubs were closed on 5th November. Please check their website for more up-to-date information.

Darker Nights Campaign

The Police are running a “Darker Nights Campaign” focusing on keeping your home safe during the Winter months. Crime prevention advice is to think about the space around your home and garden. Make sure neighbours can see your property by cutting back hedges and bushes. The more houses you can see from your front door the more people can see your house. This increased surveillance is valuable when it comes to your property. Ladders and garden tools should be locked away to reduce the chances of an offender using them.

You could consider defensive planting with prickly plants to create a physical barrier for an offender; a piece of ripped clothing or a small amount of blood can assist in an investigation.

In terms of lighting, keep your property well-lit during the hours of darkness. Make sure existing lighting is maintained and in working order. If

you are installing new lighting the Police recommend low energy lights known as “dusk to dawn” lighting. Outdoor lighting should always be installed out of easy reach.

If you are looking to replace your doors it is recommended that you replace the full “door set” with one certified to British Standard PAS 24:2016, similarly with windows. As windows can also be a means of escape it is useful to get advice from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

A booklet with all this information in it has been produced entitled “A5 Burglary Toolkit” and I can supply a copy electronically if you would like one. Email me at barry.anderson@leeds.gov.uk

Plastics Recycling

The Council has issued a reminder below about what plastics can currently be recycled in your green bins. Plastic recycling can be confusing! Here's our guide to recycling plastics in Leeds.

Plastic types 1, 2, 4 and 5 can go in your green bin; look for the triangle with a number in it:-

Type 1 - pop bottles, fruit punnets;
Type 2 - milk bottles, cleaning product bottles;
Type 4 - frozen veg bags, bubble

wrap, bread bags (any stretchy plastic bag);

Type 5 - yoghurt pots, margarine tubs.

Pesky plastics - put these in your black bin:-

Type 3 - toothpaste tubes, clingfilm, PVC pipes;

Type 6 - polystyrene, clothes hangers, DVD cases;

Type 7 - other plastics like acrylic, compostable" or "bio-plastic" isn't actually plastic;

Black or dark brown plastic, even if it's type 1, 2, 4 or 5. Do the stretch test - if a bag stretches you can recycle it in your green bin, if it tears you can't.

Recycling Centre Opening Times have changed

There is a change of hours at the Recycling Centres: In the Winter months recycling centres will be open 8am-4pm.

You still need to book an appointment to visit the recycling centres. This is to ensure the safety of customers and staff on site.

Latest Scam Alert – HMRC

In the latest West Yorkshire Trading Standards Scam Alert they have highlighted the following: Scam phone call received from a London telephone number claiming to be HMRC and stating that there was a warrant out

for the consumer's arrest due to a case of Tax Fraud. The person said they were going to freeze the consumer's bank accounts and unless they paid over the phone immediately, they would be sending a police officer to make an arrest. The person purporting to be from HMRC, was very serious and not very apologetic, had quite a threatening tone and said the consumer should be careful how they respond as the call was being recorded and it would be used in evidence at the Magistrates Court.

The Consumer ended the call and didn't give them any further information. When the consumer googled the number afterwards, it was highlighted as a scam. Apparently, they have been trying to get people to pay £2,000 over the phone immediately to resolve the issue.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any worries.

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Billy Flynn

Covid-19

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I'm sitting here just after hearing that there may well be a successful vaccine for Covid-19 available from December.

The vaccine was produced via a joint research programme between Pfizer and BioNTech (US and German pharmaceutical companies) and although still relatively early days, it sounds very promising, particularly the claimed effectiveness rate of around 90%. This is well in excess of what most experts anticipated.

Recipients require two doses of the vaccine and the UK ordered 40 million doses some month ago so, if the vaccine passes all the required safety checks, the NHS are ready to start the vaccination process. A British version is also believed to be imminent. I understand the vaccine will first be given to the most vulnerable and health and care workers then by age groups although a final decision has not yet been taken.

At last some good news and there appears to be some light at the end of a very long tunnel. However, given the unpleasant and resilient nature of the virus it is essential we do not lower our guard and continue to take all the precautions we are now used to. Fingers crossed!

Leaf Clearing



Autumn is here which means it's The Fall and everywhere you look in Adel there are leaves lying. I don't know if it's just me but there seem to be far more of them about this year than previously. The council has already started the clear up but the wet weather over the last few weeks had hindered the collection because it's much more difficult to collect them if they are wet and mushy. The team are working northwards through the ward starting at Long Causeway (w/c 1 November) and will cover the main routes several times because the leaf fall continues for some time. Please bear with the team but do let me know if there any specific areas you feel were missed or need attention. And be careful, I slipped on some wet leaves earlier today (10 Nov) and have either dislocated or cracked one of my fingers

as well as being bruised from backside to breakfast time!

Adel Surgery & Adel Pharmacy

I understand there has been some interest shown in the site although more of a commercial nature than changing the use to a private dwelling. This might be promising if the buyers of the site allow the pharmacy to remain. In the meantime, enquiries about moving to the Adel Beck site continue. Watch this space.

And don't forget to support the pharmacy with your custom. And it's not too late for your flu jab. Nira is very gentle with "the needle" as I can testify having had the jab myself last week.

No 28 bus service

The weekday frequency of the service changed to a half hourly service from the beginning of November. The change was made to address issues related to Covid-19. However, these things have a habit of becoming permanent like the promised temporary re-opening of the Adel Surgery. I will keep my eye on this.

Christmas and the New Year

Let's hope that things are rather better during the festive season than over the last 9 months. I do hope it's not too quiet and families can finally get together once again. So. have a happy

family Christmas and, more important, a healthy and prosperous New Year.

If you would like further information please do get in touch. Telephone 0113 2613896, 07810 640282 or email billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk.

'Don't Lose Your Way'

One important lesson from the difficult experience of lockdown is that for the sake of our mental health, we all need easy access to open green spaces. So you may be interested to know that the Ramblers Association are currently promoting a campaign called 'Don't Lose Your Way' which aims to identify and restore lost footpaths. According to their website there may be as much as up to 150 miles of lost routes around Leeds. Some of these routes must be in the Holt Park, Cookridge and Adel area, so if anyone remembers any footpaths that they used to walk but which are no longer accessible or in use, then the Ramblers' Association would love to hear from you so that these can be added to the map they are compiling. The deadline for registering lost routes is 2026, but don't be fooled into thinking that's a long time away. The process may be slow and the clock is ticking...so if you're looking for a New Year's Resolution for 2021, how about dropping them a line at <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/dontloseyourway>

Kersten Hall

Solutions

Only 5 Clues

Across

1. GAMBOL
3. EXEUNT
4. OPIATE

Down

1. GAZEBO
2. LEFTIE

Word Square

LILO
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NONE
ENDS

Christmas Quiz

1. Bethlehem
2. Three
3. Donkey
4. In a manger

5. They followed a star
6. Gold, frankincense and myrrh
7. Herod
8. Carpenter
9. Egypt
10. Angel Gabriel

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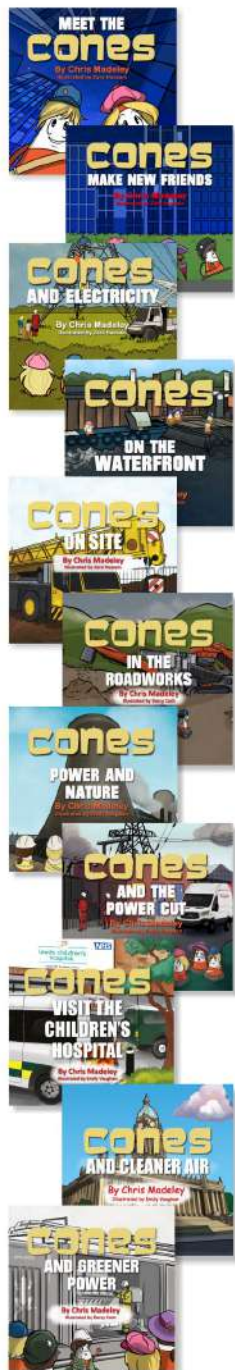
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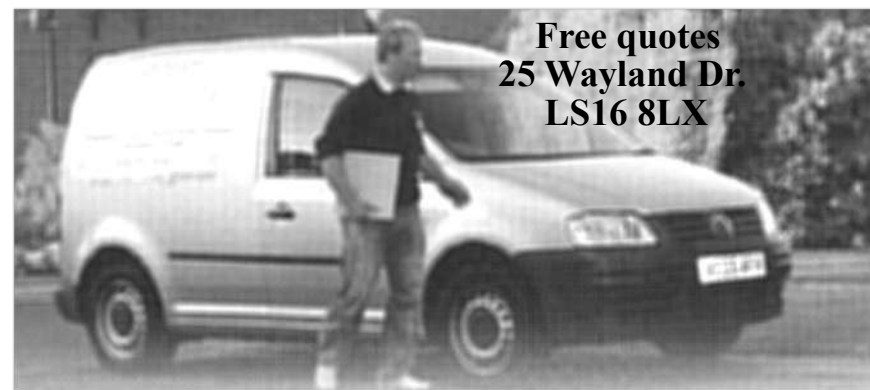
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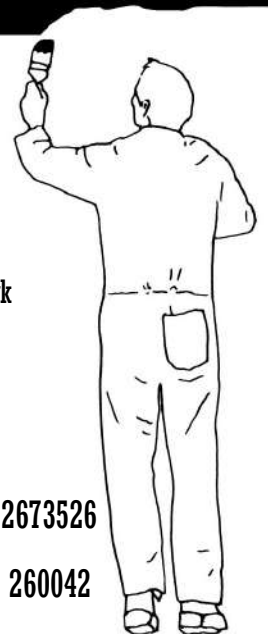
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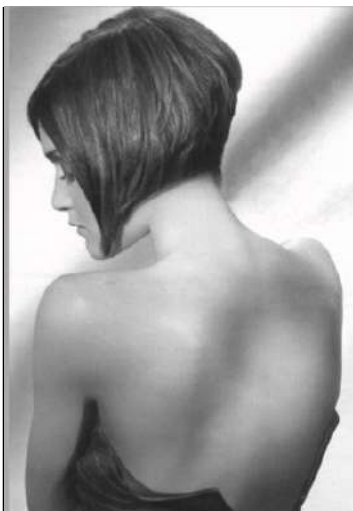
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Sunday 9.30am
11am
1st & 3rd Sundays 6.30pm Eucharist
Wednesday 11am
Wednesday 6th **Epiphany**
7.30pm

On-line Services

Sunday 3rd	Second Sunday of Christmas
10am	Parish Communion
Weds 6th	7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 10th	Baptism of Christ
10am	Parish Communion
Weds 13th	7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 17th	Second Sunday of Epiphany
10am	Parish Communion
Weds 20th	7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 24th	Third Sunday of Epiphany
10am	Parish Communion
Weds 27th	7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 31st	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
10am	Parish Communion

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December Services



Christmas Services

Please look at page 7

Services in Church*

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Sunday 9.30am
11am
1st & 3rd Sundays 6.30pm Eucharist
Wednesday 11am
Sunday 27th 9.30am but NO 11am Service that day

On-line Services

Weds 2nd	7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 6th	Second Sunday of Advent
Weds 9th	10am Parish Communion 7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 13th	Third Sunday of Advent
Weds 16th	10am Parish Communion 7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
Sunday 20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Weds 23rd	10am Parish Communion 7pm Compline/Evening Prayer
24th & 25th	Christmas Eve/Christmas Day There will be some online service, please check with website nearer the time.
Sunday 27th	First Sunday of Christmas
Weds 30th	10am Parish Communion 7pm Compline/Evening Prayer

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